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SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS - MEDIA COVERAGE

1. ONN MAY 27, GOP NATIONAL INFORMATION COMMISSION ISSUED ITS FIRST COMMUNIQUE IN SEVERAL DAYS, WHICH SAID THAT NEXT TUESDAY THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD ENTER A "DECISIVE PHASE". IT MENTIONED THE ISSUES DEALT WITH TO DATE, AND SAID AFTER THE THREE-DAY WEEKEND THESE WOULD BE "REVIEWED" BY THE TWO SIDES. AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK, ECONOMIC ISSUE WOULD BE DEALT WITHM "IF AS EXPECTED THE ECONOMIC ISSUE REACHES THE NEGOTIATING TABLE NEXT WEEK,, THIS WILL SSGNIFY THAT THE CURRENT COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ADVANCES AT A SATISFACTORY PACE." (TEXT FBIS/PANAMA PA 272336Y.)

2. COMMUNIQUE WAS PRINTED BY MAY 28 "CRITICA" AND "MATUTINO", FRONT-PAGE BUT NOT LEAD, AND WITHOUT COMMENT.

3. "ESTRELLA" AND "STAR AND HERALD" BOTH RAN TEXT AS PART OF ARTICLES LED BY TRUNCATED VERSIONS OF AN AP WASHINGTON STORY ATTRIBUTED TO AN "INFORMED U.S. SOURCH". STORY WAS OPTIMISTIC IN TONE, AND HEADLINES INDICATED AGREEMENT WAS NEAR. FULLER TEXT OF THE AP STORY WAS FROMT-PAGED BY "MIAMI UNCLASSIFIED

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HERALD" WHICH APPEARED HERE MORNING OF MAY 28.

4. IN AN INSIDE ARTICLE ON THE CHIRIQUI PAGE OF "ESTRELLA" SAME DAY, A SOURCH IN DAVID REAFFIRMED THAT THE JUNE 3 COUNCIL OF STATE MEETING THERE WOULD INCLUDE "SENSATIONAL DECLARATIONS" FROM TORRIJOS ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS. " FOR THE FIRST TIME GENERAL TORRIJOS WILL MAKE KNOWN.... A COMPLETE REPORT ON THE

CONQUESTS OF OUR DELEGATION TO DATE, THE AGREEMENTS OF WASHINGTON
AND CONTADORA AND...IF POSSIBLE THE PROBABLE DATE FOR THE SIGNING
OF THE TREATY AND CONSIDERATION THERE BY THE CONGRESS AND
HERE BY A NATIONAL PLEBISCITE."

5. MAIN OTHER SUBJECT MAY 28 WAS THURSDAY'S TELEVISION DEBATE
ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOP PERMISSION FOR A NUMBER OF EXILES
TO RETURN, BOTH TO BE REPORTED SEPTEL.
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